(a) whether CPWD have stopped the use of timber in construction activities;

(b) if so, whether any alternative environment friendly construction material has been identified; and

(c) the steps being taken to popularise this material?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Alternative materials are:—

1. Medium Density Fibre Board.
2. Fibre Reinforced Plastic.
3. Eucalyptus wood.
4. Exponded polysty rena.
5. Red Mud Pilymer.
6. Pressed Steel.
7. Particle Board.
8. P.V.C. Shutters.
9. Laminated Veneer Lumber Shutters.

(c) Steps being taken to popularise the above materials are as under:—

(i) Specifications have been finalised for most of the alternatives and circulated to field units for adoption of suitable alternative in place of timber in consonance with local condition:—

(ii) Organising National Seminar.

(iii) By publishing articles in News Paper.

(iv) By presenting the work done by the CPWD in various technical committtees.

Dharna against Delhi Rent Control Amendment Bill, 1995

1234. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently a dharna was staged by traders against the Delhi Rent Control Amendment Bill, 1995 passed by Parliament; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon and steps taken to resolve this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir. Traders have staged dharnas at various places in Delhi in protest against the Delhi Rent Bill, 1995.

(b) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Measures to Expedite Recoveries from Lessees owing more than Rs. One Crore to Govt.

1235. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many lessees/parties owed more than Rs. one crore to Government in respect of leased property, as on June 30, 1995;

(b) what are the names of those lessees/parties and what is the amount due from each; and

(c) what measures are being taken to expedite the recovery, particularly from those who have gone to courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Review and restructuring of DDA

1236. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level meeting was convened recently to review the working and restructuring of DDA; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) No, Sir. This Ministry had not convened any high level meeting recently to review the working and restructuring of DDA. However,